SECTION III—REMARKS

This election and amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed August 23, 2005. In the Office Action, the claims were restricted into two inventions the Examiner alleges are patentably distinct: Group I, comprising claims 1-34, and Group II, comprising claims 35-56.

Applicants have elected, without traverse, to prosecute the invention of Group I, comprising claims 1-34. Claims 35-56, which comprise Group II, have been canceled. Consideration of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

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